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CLAIMS

1. Flexible container with a sealable closure, particularly adapted to bathers who wish to keep their valuables with them when they engage in nautical activities, but can lend itself to numerous applications in a number of fields whenever a sealed envelope which can be opened and closed as often as possible is desired,

characterized in that it is constituted of an envelope (1) with impermeable walls, open at its upper portion and comprising two rigid parallel bars (6, 7) which can fit tightly around the edges of the opening in order to seal it, at least one of these bars being movable, means (8, 9) for locking in tight position being arranged at both ends of these bars.

2. Flexible container according to claim 1, characterized in that the rigid bars (6, 7) are mounted on a system of hinges or journalled arms guaranteeing a correct position before tightening.

3. (Amended) Flexible container according to claim 1, characterized in that it comprises a closure flap (5) of the envelope (1) to which at least one of the rigid bars (6, 7) is fixed, the second rigid bar being capable of being fixed either to the flap (5), or to the rear outer surface of the wall of the envelope (1).

4. (Amended) Flexible container according to claim 1, characterized in that the locking elements are constituted of foldable tongues (8) fixed to the flap (5) or to the journal system of the rigid bars (6, 7), and provided with cutouts confining the ends of the bars (6, 7).

5. (Amended) Flexible container according to claim 1, characterized in that the locking elements are constituted of elastic lugs (10) affixed to one of the rigid bars (6, 7) and locking on the second when it is sufficiently close.

6. (Amended) Flexible container according to claim 1, characterized in that the inner surface of the edges (3, 4) of the opening (2) comprise at least one glued or fixed compressible joint (10), which is pressed against the second joint or against the opposite edge at the time of closure of the envelope (1).

7. (Amended) Flexible container according to claim 1, characterized in that the edges (3, 4) of the envelope (1) are stiffened by means of strips made of metal or synthetic materials.

8. (Amended) Flexible container according to claim 1, characterized in that it can

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float due to a double wall filled with air or gas.

9. (Amended) Flexible container according to claim 1, characterized in that the envelope (1) comprises lateral bellows.

10. (Amended) Flexible container according to claim 1, characterized in that it constitutes waterproof pockets on containers which themselves may or may not be waterproof.

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